Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 10 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 08 Dec 2020 at 15:06 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled period with mainly southeasterly winds and the eastern ranges seeing the worst of the poorer conditions. Medium confidence for the amount of cloud and rainfall for the next few days.

Headline for Wednesday 09 Dec 2020: Mainly dry but quite cloudy, light southeasterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 09 Dec 2020

Weather: A mainly dry day but quite a lot of cloud around the Northwest Highland ranges, hopefully a few sunny intervals will break through. Any periods of sunshine will be short lived as cloud thickens from the west later in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% chance, some scattered cloud will fall below the summits at times to a base around 600m but some breaks are expected especially in the afternoon.

Visibility: Mainly good but perhaps falling moderate later in the day.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	13/16 N	7/9 SE	7/9 S	12/15 S	16/20 S	18/22 SE	21/26 SE	19/24 SE	22/28 SE
900	13/16 N	7/9 SE	7/9 S	11/14 S	15/19 S	17/20 SE	19/24 SE	17/23 SE	19/25 SE
600	9/12 N	5/7 S	6/8 S	8/12 S	11/15 S	11/16 SE	13/17 SE	14/19 SE	14/20 SE
300	7/16 N	3/7 NE	2/6 S	2/9 S	3/12 S	2/12 SE	3/13 SE	5/16 E	6/16 E
Glen	7/14 N	5/8 N	3/5 E	4/6 SE	4/10 SE	6/11 SE	9/14 E	10/15 E	9/15 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-4	0/-3	0/-3	-0/-5	-0/-6	-1/-7	-1/-8	-2/-8	-2/-9
900	1/-4	1/-2	1/-3	0/-4	0/-5	-0/-6	-0/-7	-1/-7	-1/-8
600	3/-0	3/1	3/0	2/-1	3/-2	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3	1/-4
300	5/2	4/2	3/2	3/1	4/3	4/2	3/1	2/-0	2/-0
Glen	7/5	6/5	6/4	6/4	6/5	6/4	6/3	5/2	5/2
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	1000m	900m	900m	800m	700m	700m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Southeasterly winds set to strengthen in the afternoon and feeling very cold on the tops.

Forecast for Thursday 10 Dec 2020
Weather: A weak weather front will sit across much of Scotland on Thursday with cloudy dull conditions and some outbreaks of light rain, or snow above 1000m, at times. Staying mainly dry on more northerly ranges around Ben Assynt and Ben Hope. Rain becoming heavier on Thursday night.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 15-20mph with gusts 30-35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Some low cloud is likely for some western ranges in the morning around 500m, further north and east bases should be around 6-700m. In the afternoon 60% chance of some breaks in the cloud with a better chance likely in the north.

Visibility: Good visibility, perhaps moderate in outbreaks of rain and poor in any wintery conditions on the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 rising to 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 1000m.

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